GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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PRICE OF IMPORT OF WHEAT
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the prices at which wheat was imported during 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 and the price of the wheat procured on the support price in the domestic market in these years; and

(b) the reasons for import of wheat at a higher price?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI SRIRAM CHAUHAN)

(a) The details of wheat imported and the Minimum Support Price (MSP) fixed for procurement of wheat during 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 are as under :-

Year	Country	Quantity (in lakh tonnes)	Price PMT (in US $)	MSP (Rs. Per Quintal)
1996-97	Australia	13.90	148.00 (FOB)	380.00
		156.00	(FOB)	
	Canada	2.66	152.50 (FOB)	
	Argentina	0.95	173.00 (C&F)	
1997-98	Australia	2.43	153.40 (FOB)	415.00
		7.75	152.65 (FOB)	
1998-99	Australia	14.15	142.50 (FOB)	455.00
	Excluding Bonus			

(b) Government constantly reviews the stock position of foodgrains in the Central Poolvis-â€¦-vis the prescribed minimum buffer norms, production of foodgrains in the country, trend of procurement, requirement for the Public Distribution System, open market prices etc., and decision to import foodgrains on Government account was taken depending on the overall situation.